

More keen on education fair

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KUALA LUMPUR: More fresh faces, including at least two new foreign players, are expected to be in the list of participants for Facon Education Fair next year.

Facon Exhibitions Sdn Bhd general manager Wong Kum San is, however, keeping their identities under wraps.

"They have conveyed their interest to us verbally but have yet to make it official," said Wong explaining the secrecy.

He added that 80 per cent of the booths for next year's exhibition had been taken up.

This year's two first-timers Japan and Netherlands, he said, were happy with the strong feedback from the public at the fair which ended yesterday.

A steady stream of visitors going to the pavilions of both countries was a viable indicator of positive response to the education products that Japan and Netherlands had to offer.

About 40,000 visitors came to the two-day exhibition hall held at Putra World Trade Centre since Saturday.

More than 400 local and foreign institutions from about 10 countries took part in this



Dr Van der Mal (third from left) briefing students on the courses offered at the university.

year's Facon education fair.

One of the participants from the Netherlands education pavilion, Drs Simon J. van der Wal, the international projects manager of the Hanze University of Applied Science Groningen, said he was optimistic based on the numerous queries from the public.

Some of them, he said, signed up for enrolment after listening to what the university had to offer.

The local players which took part this year included University of Nottingham Malaysia, Asia Pacific Institute of Information Technology, Nilai International College and Inti-

College.

Among the public universities were University of Malaya, Universiti Sains Malaysia and Universiti Malaysia Sabah.

The fair will also be held in Alor Star (Tuesday), Penang (Wednesday), Ipoh (Thursday), Malacca (Friday), Johor Baru (Sunday).

In Sabah and Sarawak, the fair will be in Miri on Sunday, Sibul (Dec 12), Kuching (Dec 13), Tawau (Dec 15), Sandakan (Dec 16) and Kota Kinabalu (Dec 17).

The *New Straits Times* and *Nanyang Siang Pau* are the supporting English and Chinese media for the fair.